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Press Release

Westport Water Rescue

On June 18, 2019 at approximately 2:30 p.m., the Westport Marine Unit responded to a call of four people in the water near Peck's Ledge Lighthouse. An oyster boat reported the incident to the Norwalk Police Department who in turn, alerted Westport officers. The Westport Police Department Marine Unit responded and located a small aluminum boat taking on water. The boat was clearly over loaded and partially submerged with four occupants clinging to it. The men were shivering, were not properly dressed for conditions and two did not have personal floatation devices.

Westport Detective Marc Heinmiller, Corporal Brendan Fearon and Officer Taylor Field rescued all four men from the water and warmed them with blankets onboard Westport Marine 1. The men were then transferred to a Norwalk Fire Department boat, which brought them to shore to a waiting ambulance. All four men were transported to Norwalk Hospital for treatment.

After rescuing the men, officers were able to pump out the boat in order to prevent it from sinking. Once refloated, it was towed from the scene to Norwalk shores by the Norwalk Police Department Marine Unit.

The Westport Police Department would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Norwalk Police and Fire Departments for their assistance. The coordinated effort led to a successful resolution to what could have been a fatal situation.

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